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| Application Number     | 09/866,384   |
| Filing Date            | May 25, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor   | Hand, et al. |
| Art Unit               | 2173         |
| Examiner Name          | Zhou, Ting   |
| Attorney Docket Number | 6160-200     |

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- b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
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